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### That Premium

It is mailed this week and should reach all who are entitled to it not later than the close of next week, except perhaps those living in California. If the book does not reach you by Saturday February 10, please write us a card and reference will be made to the books.

### The Eight Booklets

Inquiries are coming in as to the Eight Booklets of which announcement was made at the last National Conference and on several occasions thru the columns of this paper. The first one to be issued is on, "The Spiritual Significance of Feetwashing," by J. M. Tombaugh, Hagerstown, Md. The manuscript is not yet in hand, but is expected soon. Work on the booklets will begin immediately upon receipt of the manuscript.

### The Three Thousand

Let no one imagine that we have dropped the 3,000 idea. The reader must expect his attention called to these figures quite frequently until the number is reached. Several hundred new subscriptions have

been received since the campaign opened, and it is not our purpose to "let up" till announcement can be made that the 3,000 mark has been attained. We are in earnest about this matter, and will prove our earnestness by keeping continually "at it". The BRETHREN EVANGELIST should have a subscription list of 3,000, it can have it, and because it should have and can have it, we insist that it shall have it.

## Personal Mention

Brother Flora reports two accessions at North Manchester, the result of a revival effort.

Brother J. A. Myers has been conducting some interesting and successful revival meetings. At Norway, Iowa, four accessions are reported.

As a result of a revival meeting in his home congregation by Brother Welty, Louisville, Ohio, three accessions are reported.

Brother Summers reports six accessions in the Poplar Grove church, Ind. Brother W. H. Miller assisted in the meetings.

Brother Kimmel closed his revival meeting at Buckeye City, Ohio, with ten conversions. The work at that place is prospering.

Two more added to the church in Dayton. We regret to learn of the illness of Brother Copp, tho he is reported improving.

Brother Koontz has been called by the Conemaugh congregation for the seventh year as pastor. This speaks well both for the congregation and the pastor. We favor long pastorates.

The meeting at Bethel church, Indiana, by Brother Swibart is still in progress. Eight confessions are reported to date, January 26. The Lord is blessing the work of Brother Swibart as of old.

Since last report two have been added to the Chicago Mission, and Brother Talley writes encouragingly of the work in that great city. If our missions will receive the financial support they deserve the church may expect great things in the future.

We confess that we are somewhat taken with Brother Ridenour's idea of raising the money necessary to purchase that Washington City building. Probably the Mission Board will take up the work and push it. The plan is worth a trial.

Brother Gillin reports some interesting church news from Waterloo, Iowa. The Brethren are making a commendable effort in that city, and judging from the way people in that country usually do things, there will be a church house in Waterloo before very long.

Brother C. F. Yoder is at Madisonburg, Ohio, by the bedside of his brother, Frank Yoder who is reported seriously ill with typhoid fever. A letter from C. F. reports a change for the better, but he is yet too ill to assure victory. May the Lord bless him and raise him up.

We are in receipt of a very interesting and encouraging letter from brother S. J. Giffin, Johnstown, Pa. He speaks in the highest praise of the work being done in their church and Sunday school, tho himself unable to attend the services. He has our thanks for the kind words in reference to our Quarterly.

Brother J. M. Bowman closed his revival meeting at Miamisburg, Ohio, with nine accessions, increasing the membership by just one fifth. It was a great victory for the Lord. Under the ministration of Brother Bowman the work in that congregation is developing very encouragingly.

Brother Teeter, that western senator is right when he says "man is a fighting animal." But he is fundamentally wrong when he argues that this element in human nature must have an outlet. That spirit is to be crucified, destroyed, rooted up. You have said truly, the man's philosophy is diametrically op-

posed to the entire spirit of the New Testament, and inconsistent with the principles of the gospel of the Prince of Peace. May his tribe die out.

There seems to be a great awakening in the Washington City Mission. Brother Lyon writes that the Lord is moving wonderfully in the mission of late. Another applicant is reported for baptism. What the Brethren church needs to do, and do now is to raise the money to purchase that property. Brother Cassel goes to Washington, February, to look after it. Oh, that we knew the day of our opportunity. The Lord is ready and waiting to bless the work in that city. Shall we continue to withhold that which is necessary to receive the blessing? May the Lord touch every heart in the brotherhood, and cause it to go out in behalf of the Washington Mission church house.

The notes on the Young People's Topic for February 11, by Brother Yoder will make the basis for an excellent temperance lesson. If the several millions of young people thru-out the land will on that day seriously study this greatest of all social questions the influence will be felt in the increased sentiment in favor of total abstinence and absolute prohibition. The saloon is the greatest nuisance and the most abominable and gigantic iniquity in American or any other civilization. There is but one remedy for this iniquity, destroy it, root and branch. That a Christian civilization should tolerate such an institution as the saloon is in itself a sad commentary on our church life. Until we are rid of the saloon the problem of poverty can never be solved. The man who stands for the saloon stands for the devil's most successful institution, and for the greatest crime and poverty producer ever invented by that evil spirit.

## Literary Notes

The degree given by Cambridge, England, University to the distinguished Shakespearean scholar, Dr. Horace Howard Furness, was an international event as important in some respects as political unity, but it has been modestly concealed, tho occurring last summer. The "New Lippincott" for February gives a rare portrait of Dr. Furness in the robes of his latest degree, and Prof. Albert H. Smyth accompanies this with a paper on Dr. Furness' career, his "Variorum Shakespeare" and his many scholastic honors.

"Woman Labor and Child Labor" are the Topics of the Hour presented in the form of a two paged bibliography, in *The Chautauquan* for February. These bibliographies are furnished by an expert who characterizes the books and articles to which he refers for the benefit of people who desire to find the best information on these subjects. Previous issues have covered: 1, The Philippine Problem; 2, England and the South African Problem; 3, Trusts; 4, The Higher Criticism.

The issues of *The Youth's Companion* for the four weeks of February will contain the following contributions among others of interest: "Character, Credit, Capital," by Hon. Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury; "Old Wary," the robber dog of Chicago, by H. S. Canfield; "A Chat About the Stars," by Prof. Simon Newcomb; "How Jim Went to the War," by Jacob Riis; "The Manila Wire," by Gen. Charles King; "For His Country," by Marshall Saunders, and "An Encounter with Bolomen," by Lieut. Ira L. Reeves.

The February number of *The Homiletic Review* opens with a brilliant and forceful article, from the pen of Dean Frederick W. Farrar, of Canterbury, England, on "Temperance Progress in Great Britain in the Nineteenth Century." Dean Farrar is an authority on the subject, having long been in the thick of the fight for temperance, and his article is invaluable to any one who wishes to get at the real state of things in the British Islands.